



MEDIA ADVISORY
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County Board chairman declares weather emergency; Residents warned to limit travel to emergency situations only

Kane County Board Chairman Karen McConaughay declared a weather emergency for Kane County. This allows the county to implement its Emergency Operations Plan and request state assistance as needed to help in the recovery from the blizzard. Residents are advised to remain at home and limit travel to emergency situations only until the crews can get roads clear. Kane County roads, especially those in the rural areas, remain in poor condition and in many cases are impassable.

The Kane County Sheriff's Office and surrounding police departments are functioning on their emergency snow plans. Residents are encouraged to report high priority incidents only at this time. Any non-emergency reports, such as property damage due to snow plows or accidents, should be reported after noon on Thursday.

Kane Comm, Kane County's 911 Center, received 1,730 calls between 3 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. Wednesday. Of those calls, 351 were reports of multi-vehicle accidents/stranded motorists. The Sheriff's Office and other departments are currently responding to high priority incidents and stranded motorists only. Residents should refrain from calling 911 unless it is an emergency.

Crews from the Kane County Division of Transportation are working to clear the roads but blowing and drifting snow is making the task difficult. The Kane County Emergency Operations Center has been open since noon on Tuesday, February 2, and was staffed throughout the night. It will continue in operation until the snow emergency is over. Kane County Government offices are closed Wednesday, February 2, except for emergency and public safety services. Government offices are expected reopen for business on Thursday.

Residents are urged to visit the Kane County Web site at www.countyofkane.org, for update information. Residents can also visit www.kanehealth.com for cold weather tips.

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